

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING DWAIN LUCE, OF
MOBILE, ALABAMA, FOR HIS
SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today to recognize Mr. Dwain Luce of Mobile, AL, for his courageous service during World War II. His heroic story, along with other Mobilians, is told in the Ken Burns' documentary series "The War."

After graduating from Auburn University with a reserve commission in 1938, Mr. Luce went to Mississippi to work for his family's cannery business. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he was recalled to active duty and reported to duty on January 15, 1942.

As a lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne Division's 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, he participated in the invasions of Sicily and later Italy. He was promoted to captain, and he and his unit were sent to England to train for the invasion of France. He landed his glider at Normandy on June 6, 1944, and survived 33 days of fighting there.

Several months later, his unit saw action again when they were dropped behind enemy lines into Holland as part of Operation Market Garden. They remained in Holland for 6 weeks battling both the Germans and the cold weather.

He and his unit also participated in the Battle of the Bulge where they anchored the northern flank of the American lines. On May 1, 1945, the 82nd Airborne took 144,000 German prisoners as they surrendered to Americans.

His story, along with other Mobilians, is told in the Ken Burns' documentary series "The War." Madam Speaker, the recognition of Dwain Luce in "The War" documentary is an appropriate time for us to pause and thank him—and all of the soldiers who fought in World War II. They personify the very best America has to offer. I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pay tribute to Mr. Luce and his selfless devotion to our country and the freedom we enjoy.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER SPOKANE SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council, GSSAC, as they celebrate 25 years of service to the Spokane community. In 1982, local policymakers and citizens joined together to take a

stand against the devastation of drugs and violence. Through their efforts, GSSAC now runs programs and collaborative efforts that are empowering our youth, focusing on prevention of substance abuse and violence and solving the problem of meth abuse in our community.

At the core of the GSSAC Prevention Center mission is a desire to equip those in need with the knowledge and skills to make positive choices in their life. They work to unite and support the community through fostering positive attitudes and behaviors. Most of all, they encourage, facilitate, initiate and assist all people, groups and organizations in finding solutions to alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse.

Over the 25 years that GSSAC has served the greater Spokane community, they have accomplished many milestones. The staff and volunteers of GSSAC give their time and resources through a variety of programs like the Spokane County Meth Action Team, Washington Drug-Free Youth and Prevention in Practice. They also help to disseminate information about drug abuse and prevention through their Information Clearing House.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the staff and volunteers of Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council on 25 years of influential service to our community. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending them for continuing on with their vision to make Spokane a safer place to live, and raising awareness on how we can prevent substance abuse in our communities.

LEGALIZING INTERNET GAMBLING
WOULD HARM U.S. TRADE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, as I stated here a couple of months ago, I believe very strongly that whatever our policy is on other types of gambling, we need to maintain a firm line against any form of sports gambling. Gambling on sports events undermines the integrity of American athletics. It can create corruption or the appearance of corruption, and it taints the image of sports as wholesome, family-friendly entertainment.

I also stated that I opposed legalization of online sports gambling in H.R. 2046. It is not enough to allow sports associations to say "not on my game" if Congress is sending the message to the public that sports gambling is fine. If we are going to consider any loosening of laws against online gambling, we need to say "not on sports, period."

But yesterday I received a letter from Stuart Eizenstat, a very well-respected trade expert who was formerly U.S. Ambassador to the European Union and Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, writing on behalf of the National Football League. Ambas-

sador Eizenstat's letter informs me that, under the present circumstances, even "not on sports, period" could leave the NFL and other great American athletic institutions vulnerable to assault by the offshore gambling interests who want to make money off the popularity of these games.

According to Ambassador Eizenstat's letter, a law that legalizes most online gambling but includes limited exceptions, such as a sports gambling exception, will be vulnerable to attack in the World Trade Organization. If the WTO rules against the U.S. law, the U.S. would have to choose between eliminating the exception—feeding our treasured sports to the gambling wolves—or paying billions in compensation to our trading partners. I, for one, think we should avoid having to decide which of these is the lesser of two evils if we can.

It appears that the U.S. does have a way out, by withdrawing any commitments to free trade in gambling. The U.S. Trade Representative is currently in the middle of negotiating this withdrawal. But this requires compensation too, for taking away market access from our trading partners. How much compensation? Not much at all, given that almost all Internet gambling is illegal. But if we make it legal, even if sports gambling is excluded, then there is a big legal market for which we will owe compensation.

As Ambassador Eizenstat says, "withdrawal negotiations should be brought to a conclusion before Congress passes any new gambling legislation." In the interest of protecting American athletics, I plan to take this advice to heart.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to enter Ambassador Eizenstat's letter into the RECORD.

COVINGTON & BURLING, LLP,

Washington, DC, September 24th, 2007.

Hon. EDOLPHUS TOWNS,
Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE TOWNS: I am writing on behalf of the National Football League, NFL, to urge you to oppose H.R. 2046, the "Internet Gambling Regulation and Enforcement Act," which would legalize Internet gambling. Along with all other major U.S. professional and amateur sports associations, the NFL is very concerned about protecting the integrity of American athletics from the adverse effects of sports gambling. As the recent National Basketball Association referee scandal shows, this is a very real concern. From a trade perspective, H.R. 2046 is fundamentally flawed. This bill, and any other legislation legalizing Internet gambling, also may have the unintended consequence of giving foreign service suppliers greater access to the U.S. market in a range of services sectors.

H.R. 2046 reverses 50 years of U.S. public policy by endorsing and legalizing sports betting, and it vastly expands access to all forms of gambling. Although the bill allows sports leagues and states to opt out of this gambling legalization scheme, these exceptions may be successfully challenged in the World Trade Organization, WTO, under existing trade rules. While the WTO General Agreement on Trade in Services permits a

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